



Proclamation

Presented to

The Honoka`a High School Jazz Band

WHEREAS, the Honoka`a High School Jazz Band was organized in 1988 by Musical Director Gary Washburn and 11 students as part of the music curriculum at Honoka`a High School, with a focus on performing jazz and learning about jazz music history; and

WHEREAS, the Honoka`a High School Jazz Band, with the encouragement of Kamehameha Band Director, John Riggle, traveled to O`ahu in 1989 as a first time participant in the O`ahu Band Directors Association's Annual Jazz Festival; and

WHEREAS, the Honoka`a High School Jazz Band is an outstanding ensemble of student musicians who have shown themselves to be committed to music appreciation, excellence and achievement within the community; and

WHEREAS, the Honoka`a High School Jazz Band, under the direction of Gary Washburn, recipient of the Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction Award, has become a preeminent jazz band in Hawai`i; and

WHEREAS, the Honoka`a High School Jazz Band performed on National Public Radio's "From the Top," opened for the Royal Hawaiian Band at `Iolani Palace, has been recognized by the Hawai`i State Legislature, and released multiple CDs recorded each year to help accrue donations to fund expenses for their program; and

WHEREAS, the Honoka`a High School Jazz Band was one of 36 recipients, out of 23,000 eligible schools nationwide, to receive the 2011 Grammy Signature Schools Enterprise Award, selected by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Honoka`a High School Jazz Band performed for the Edison Learning Convention at the Ilikai Hotel in Honolulu and will be featured in the June edition of "Hana Hou" magazine; and


WHEREAS, the Honoka`a High School Jazz Band annually returns to O`ahu in April in celebration of National Jazz Appreciation Month and will be performing April 19-22, 2012;

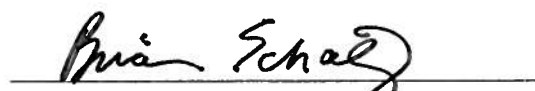
NOW, THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai`i, do hereby proclaim April 20, 2012 as

"HONOKA`A HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND DAY"

in Hawai`i, and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the achievements of the Honoka`a High School Jazz Band and congratulate them on their performance at the Hawai`i State Capitol.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai`i, this seventeenth day of April, 2012.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai`i


BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai`i